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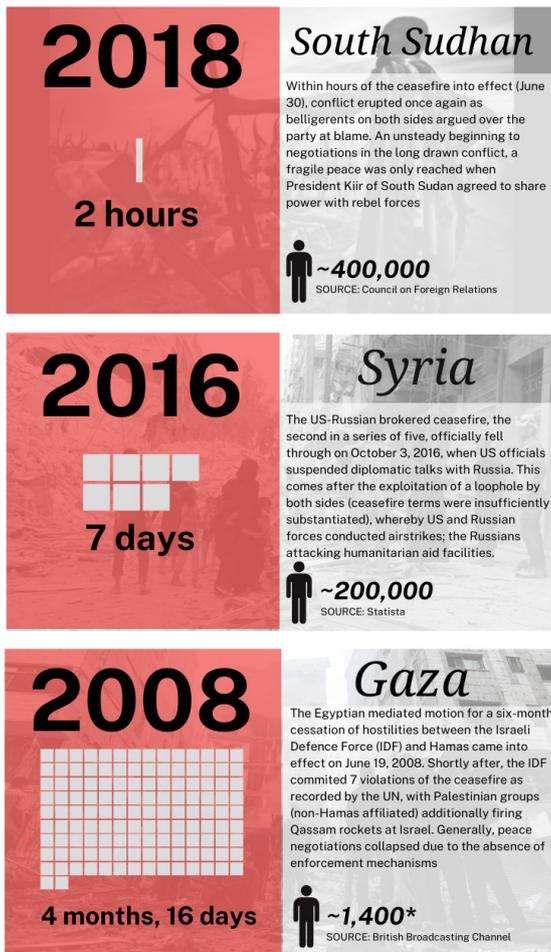
# Press Releases

# AP

## Failures of Ceasefires in Today's World

### Ceasefires in recent history: A visualisation of failure

Each gray square is representative of one day



# AP

*In the Security Council's heated debate over these 2 days, many delegates brought up concerns over the repeated failures of ceasefires in modern times, citing a variety of factors such as noncompliance and a lack of a penalising structure. AP has observed the delegates' postulations to be true: ceasefires in recent decades have seen a lack of thoroughness and enforcement, leading to the avoidable and unnecessary loss of human life.*



# New-York Daily Tribune

## **So Close Yet So Far: The Senate's Not-So-Final Resolution**

*By Blaise Hwang and Parijaat Jain*

With each day comes a new trial, and the second day of US Senate proceedings were definitely not smooth sailing - for the Whigs and the Democrats. While the senators did show surprising productivity in writing a resolution, there soon proved to be a price for their haste...

### **A Shaky Resolution**

In their second session of the day, the senators achieved the remarkable feat of proposing a resolution to wrap up the issue of the annexation of Texas. But while the resolution seemed promising, it fell apart under scrutiny.

The resolution proposed was seen to be lacking in many areas, with several factors left unconsidered by the US Senate. Factors such as war with Mexico were simply brushed aside and regarded to be of little concern. This lack of forward thinking and ignorance of political repercussions is bound to cause issues if not amended.

Various inconsistencies were also observed during discussion and in the resolution with some senators compromising on their previously held stances. In particular, certain Whig-affiliated senators broke from the Whig party's long held anti-slavery stance, not only quickly compromising with Democratic senators but agreeing to annex Texas (while allowing it to remain a slave state).

This was indeed a surprising turn considering the firm (and admirable) stance the Whig party has always taken against the cruelties of slavery. While there were still many who stayed true to their beliefs, one hopes that all members of the Senate can be more consistent and firm on what they stand for in future sessions, so as to allow debate to proceed smoothly.

### **The Democratic Dilemma**

While there is no denying the pitfalls of the recent resolution, one must note a far more worrying occurrence - or rather, the lack of an occurrence at all. Far from proposing a controversial resolution, the other bloc (mainly formed of Democratic Senators) failed to produce their own resolution at all. One does wonder which is worse: the crime of trying and failing, or the crime of refusing to try at all. Then again, it may be too soon to say - the US Senate still has two more days to reach a concrete resolution. As such, hopes of a resolution from the Democratic bloc (which consists of almost half of the US Senate) are still present, albeit lessened.

### **The Manifestation of Enlightenment**

Although there are concerns that some Whig senators have failed to uphold the interests of the Whig party, the senators seem to have finally understood the importance and logic of westward expansion. The Whig party has come to acknowledge the economical benefits arising from the Manifest Destiny. They have finally recognised that the Manifest Destiny will also bring great prosperity to the American people, who the Whig party has always sought to serve.

### **Tentative Hopes**

Needless to say, the US Senate still has far to go. However, it is worth noting that significant progress has been made. The senators have responded well to feedback on their resolution and on productivity of debate and have taken their setbacks in their stride. One looks forward to seeing more of such a positive attitude in future council sessions.



## **US's Callousness, Offensive and Shallow**

*By Johnny Appesmith, Political Commentator for Al-Jazeera English*

The Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC) recently convened their council meeting on the question of cyber warfare. During the discussions, The delegate of Cambodia proposed merging blocs with the delegate of the US, due to their similar stance and ideals on the matter at hand. The delegate of the US proceeded to call the suggestion “wholesome”, in his own words, but expressed certain reservations regarding the effectiveness of the merger. The delegate of the US was concerned that the merged bloc would become a “deliberative body”, and he was afraid that the bloc would become “incompetent”, citing ASEAN and the US Senate as an example.

The comments made by the delegate of the US were extremely insensitive and offensive, not only to the ASEAN community, but also to the American people. ASEAN is the fifth-largest economy in the world, representing over 655 million inhabitants in ten countries. To discredit the entire body of ASEAN jeopardizes the US's relationship with ASEAN countries. I recognise that the US has always pursued good politics alongside good economies. ASEAN has always been of considerable importance to the US. By helping to counterbalance China's growing influence on the world, ASEAN helps to safeguard US's interests in the region. Furthermore, ASEAN is a major trading partner of the US, with both countries having extremely close economic and military ties. As the delegate representing the US, such remarks are extremely careless and could serve to sour relationships, which is the opposite of what a delegate is meant to do.

The delegate of the US needs to be careful when talking about other countries, especially since the US holds such a prominent role on the international stage. The delegate should uphold his duties as a diplomat when representing his country, so as to prevent misunderstandings from occurring. Sensitive issues should be treated with respect and thought, so as to ensure that offhand statements are not made.

Regarding the comments made towards our senate, I believe that the delegate should have refrained from degrading it by calling it “incompetent”. This comment deeply discredits the authority of the US Senate. Furthermore, undermining our country’s own legislative body in the presence of other countries only serves to weaken the image of the US in front of the international community. If the delegate of the US has certain qualms or disputes with certain members of the Senate, the delegate should have brought it up in private. Internal disputes should not and must not be discussed in a place such as DISEC. Doing so only serves to disrepute the US and waste council time on such matters.

It is indeed strange that the delegate of the US insinuated that his own Senate and Asean incompetent. I am inclined to believe that the delegate made an honest and careless mistake rather than intentionally trying to harm US’s interests. Let this be a reminder that delegates should be respectful at all times so that their country can be represented accurately to others.

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## **The Drive for Security**

*By Shana Lim and Wang Yuxuan (SABC)*

*“We must actively unite as one Africa.”*

The second committee session of the African Union (AU) began on a frustrating note, similar to how it ended its first one. Most delegates, excessively passionate about their stance against corruption, persisted in continuous rambling about their state beliefs. It was only after the delegates representing Tanzania and South Sudan pleaded for a more meaningful discussion that the remaining delegates halted the repetition of their unnecessary rhetoric of an anti-corruption stance, and finally began charting out the union’s plan in combating this issue, along with the violation of human rights within the region.

### **Justice, Rule of Law and Anti-corruption**

The delegate of Tanzania, along with her allies (inclusive of the delegate representing South Africa), spearheaded the AU Anti-corruption Framework. This solution aims to detect and prevent corruption across the union through various security measures. This includes the empowerment of courts and authorities to order the seizure of relevant financial documents, cross-border investigations to track money laundering, as well as the transmission of data from these efforts to the Court of justice for a thorough evaluation. Additionally, this bloc also ordered heavier Inter-African Union cooperation in the freezing of foreign accounts and repatriation of illegally acquired assets to their countries of origin.

However, in a similar response to this issue, the delegate of Gabon, along with his allies, recommended the implementation of CRISES (Cooperation Resolution to Illicit Enrichment Resources). This encouraged the establishment of an investigative operation towards government officials, public funds, taxations, and other government

related fundings to detect any practices of Illicit enrichment. Though this article is said to increase the transparency of the government, it does not clearly indicate its commitment to ensure the wellbeing of other countries affected by the mismanagement of financial resources. The bloc that the delegate of South Africa supports did explicitly state that their policies return illegally retrieved assets to their country of origin. Therefore, we doubt that their solutions will be ultimately beneficial for the external relations of the AU in situations of corruption that involve countries outside of the AU.

### **Conflict over Economic Measures**

The delegates of Tanzania, Rwanda and Seychelles criticised the delegate of Gabon, along with his bloc regarding the underdevelopment of Article 3 which reflected the bloc's steps to enhancing economic growth for the union. The delegate of Gabon and his bloc recommended the implementation of PRUDENCE (Productive Diversification of Nation's Economy) - a set of guidelines for member states to diversify its economy through improving underutilized sectors within the country, such as tourism, healthcare and natural resources. To carry out this project, they requested funding from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), as well as the employment of the local workforce to construct infrastructure. Evidently, this bloc has ignored the huge debt to the IMF that Africa currently suffers from, and presumes the willingness and availability of the local workforce to work for the government, which might not be the case. Therefore, this framework proposed was filled with insecurities and would not be feasible for the union.

On the other hand, the delegate of South Africa supports the African Economy Renew Program (AERA), an economic framework for Africa suggested by the members of his bloc. This program aims to nurture sustainable and innovative local-based economy systems to empower the economic capacity of the union, so as to make the citizens capable of cooperating with the African economy for long-term success. The program leverages local African brands domestically and internationally through adding values and innovation that benefits Africa's economy as a whole. Additionally, it expands the coverage and increasing funding of reskilling programs in digital and innovative working models in partnership with domestic and international NGOs in relevant fields. Lastly, it establishes a cohesive national strategy for attracting foreign capital into Africa in partnership with provinces, while maintaining high standards for corporate governance

and transparency. This detailed framework highlights concrete guidelines to economic success to the union, and it is plausible for implementation in South Africa as it does not contain substantial loopholes, as compared to the proposals of the opposing bloc.

*“Like a donut, well-rounded but with a big hole smacked right in the middle.”*

The above-mentioned quote was said by the delegate of South Sudan in response to the shaky solutions by the bloc opposing the Republic of South Africa, as it covered a wide range of aspects on the surface but lacked substance on the inside. Therefore, as voting resumes tomorrow, we anticipate the success of the resolution supported by the South African Government in the belief that it is the most viable path to good governance in the region.





# ПРАВДА

## **Empathy for the Union!**

*By Gabe Chang and Toh Yu Qi*



### **Update: Chernobyl disaster**

The Chernobyl disaster is slowly getting out of hand and what does the Soviet government plan to do? People are pressuring the government for information on the Chernobyl accident.

As we await the statements of the Politburo, the Soviet government has actually begun large-scale crisis management, evacuating civilians around the affected area. Vladimir Orlov, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian SFSR issued a statement blaming the west for “sabotaging our nation’s greatest nuclear achievement”.

### **Update: Moscow Protests**

In response to a recent military manoeuvre by the First Deputy Chief of the Moscow Military District Yurii Shatalin, Moscow protestors are now taking up arms. An unknown petrol bomb had exploded and the Armed Forces had opened fire against the protestors. Is this action by the Armed Forces an act against the idea of Glasnost?

### **Empathy: The drive for aid**

As Vitaly Fedorchuk said in today's debate session: "we must rally as one.....(be) empathetic to the people.....take care of the Motherland.....and welfare of the people". Empathy will become an influential reason in which Soviets will be receiving more help if they are caught in the apocalyptic chaos of the Chernobyl disaster. The people can finally rest their minds on the fate of their loved ones. We should see truckloads of medical supplies and civil workers rushing to build temporary shelters in Moscow in the coming days. Mikail Gorbecez is pushing for more humanitarian aid for the victims of the Chernobyl disaster.

*"we must rally as one.....(be) empathetic to the people.....take care of the Motherland.....and welfare of the people."*

*-Vitaly Fedorchuck, Minister for Internal Affairs*

### **A Virtue of communism**

It is in the good faith of the Politburo, the empathy of the Politburo, that the situation on the Chernobyl disaster has not got any worse. In fact, empathy is a virtue of communism! We have seen comrades protesting for Glasnost and the court hearings being public. These comrades protest because they emphasise with their audience and they are willing to fight for them. With loyal communists like these, we can see a brighter future for the Soviet Union. As a call for all comrades, the Politburo is encouraging help from the public in terms of voluntary work instead of armed combat against accused parties in light of recent situations.

### **Forward with empathy, forward with communism!**

In conclusion, with communism and empathy, the Soviet Union will be able to proceed with achievements economically and the lives of all our comrades! Let us allow better morals to be the leading driver in what we do and everyone's lives will benefit. As such, we should expect the Politburo to continue being empathetic towards the people in the Soviet Union and offer help to those in need in future circumstances.

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# Today's Feature Scylla and Charybdis

Being **between Scylla and Charybdis** is an idiom deriving from Greek mythology. They were regarded as maritime hazards located close enough to each other that they posed an inescapable threat to passing sailors; avoiding Charybdis meant passing too close to Scylla and vice versa. Such polarity is seen in the UNSC, where delegates are pulled between multiple facets of an issue. Our editors chatted with the head chairs of these committees to find out more.

# Interview with UNSC Head Chair, Beihua

**By Keerthana Reddy, Press Editor**

*Beihua bid goodbye to the last of A-level exams last year and is looking to enter university, as soon as whatever nonsense the Central Manpower Base has to offer is done with. Freed from the shackles of school, Beihua relishes the opportunity to freely study anything under the sun, such as literature, driving and his career options (by bingeing, as a Humanities student, five seasons of Grey's Anatomy in two weeks). Keerthi chats with him about his MUN experience and thoughts on this year's UNSC.*



## **1. How did you start MUN-ning in general?**

It was back in sec 3 when there was a MUN interest group? I just signed up for it without actually knowing much of what it was... I attended my first MUN without making a single speech so that was a big oof but the opportunity to debate exciting global issues we'll never touch in schools really drew me in, and here I am!

## **2. How did you get involved in SMUN 2021?**

There was this fine day in December when I was scrolling through Instagram... I saw one of the academics directors' Instagram story pleading FOR people to sign up because they were apparently short of people and since I had just graduated JC, I really needed something to keep my brain alive... and I felt that the rigour that would be involved in drafting a study guide would be excellent for that. So I'd say it's a win-win.

Also, I was in SMUN 2019 but I tried too hard and got a VC. I'm still salty.

### **3. What has your most memorable MUN experience been and why?**

I'd say it would be RMUN 2018! I was in the security council as a delegate there as well and it was full of very respectable delegates who really stretched me beyond what I had experienced intellectually and oratorically up until then. It was a difficult but definitely exhilarating experience as my bloc mates and I constantly tried to rise to the challenge—it made for a great bonding experience too! my bloc remains friends largely even today.

### **4. Given what's special about UNSC, what are your thoughts about the Israel Palestine conflict and how relevant do you think it is to the committee?**

I won't say I'm the best person to comment on the Israel Palestine conflict per se, but the issue certainly demonstrates the relevance of MUN to the world today—the challenges of ceasefires we will be discussing are no stranger to the conflict in Palestine, and the urgency and shall I say cruelty of the issue just reminds us that what we are discussing viscerally impacts real lives and are not abstract ideas on paper.

I also think the persistent unrest in Palestine despite numerous past efforts for peace reminds us that peace is more complicated than the technicalities of ceasefires and the tactics of negotiation; every conflict is different and often rooted in longstanding historical and structural concerns that demand a sensitive and knowledgeable approach.

[Quote: every conflict is different and often rooted in longstanding historical and structural concerns that demand a sensitive and knowledgeable approach.]

### **5. What is your worst fear about the conference?**

I think it would be if a delegate gives me a point of order and it turns out that they are right. That would be extremely embarrassing.

### **6. If you could have only one cuisine for the rest of your life what would it be and why?**

I think it would be Sichuan cuisine? I love the fiery chilli and how they can create all sorts of subtle different flavours with all their different spices. It's not all just "Mala Xiang Guo" people.

Actually, I take that back. I don't want my mouth to be burnt all day. Brunch food would be nice.



Special  
Report

## **Behind the Design: Special Interview with the Design Team**

*Miju had a chat with Annabelle, Hafizah and Tricia from the SMUN Design team to chat about this year's design elements and comment on some interesting design fails.*



*Designers Annabelle (left) and Hafizah (right) (Not photographed: Tricia)*

**Miju:** Good morning. Today I have with me, SMUN's very special design team. They are here with us today to give us an insight into the processes behind the beauty of the designs you see on the SMUN website, instagram, prospectus, everything really! Introduce yourselves and why you chose to join the design team this year.

**Tricia:** Hi I'm Tricia, I'm the DSG for design this year. I got on board SMUN as Valen asked me to come on board as a DSG before the designers were invited and I myself am interested in design. I have done this last year as a designer so I'm back again to contribute to SMUN and further its potential.

**Annabelle:** Hi everyone, I'm Annabelle, I'm actually from Taiwan, I'm not Singaporean. I'm a freshman at Yale-NUS college and I joined SMUN design because it kinda challenges my own abilities a bit, but also because I wanted to try out the creative side, so I wanted to give myself some challenges.

**Hafizah:** I'm Hafizah from NAFA (Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts), I got to know about SMUN from Tricia. She is the one who asked me to join and I didn't really have any design experience externally, this is my very first SMUN and my first external design experience. I, myself, am interested in designing but more towards the artistic side, not really a formal event like SMUN, so this is definitely a challenging event for me.

## Challenges Faced as Designers

**M:** Annabelle you mentioned that you wanted to challenge yourself right, so about challenges, what were some of the struggles that you all faced as a team when designing for SMUN this year?

**A:** As a team, I think one difficulty was that our main communication was online, like because we couldn't meet in person due to covid restrictions and everyone was busy with school, so sometimes when one of us are doing something and we realise that there is something wrong with the design someone else made, we have to quickly text in the group like "can you fix this please?"

**A:** We also don't know if the other person will reply, so I think deadlines would be an issue because some of us will be too busy, too tired, or too hectic, but we did overcome it so I think it was fine. Should I talk about personal challenges?

**M:** Yea sure!

**A:** Personally, I mentioned how I wanted to discover my "creative side", but my huge struggle was that I was not familiar with Adobe applications at all. Even though Tricia really really generously gave me a two hour lecture on it, I still wasn't able to do it at all. It got to a point where I was so dejected that I almost left the team, but I'm glad that I stayed. So I ended up using Canva to make my designs. Because of that I couldn't really design really continuous backgrounds for instagram, so that's why you can see posts in blocks of three, six and nine. It was still a struggle, but I'm glad I overcame it.

*"It got to a point where I was so dejected that I almost left the team, but I'm glad that I stayed."*

**M:** What about Hafizah? What were the challenges you faced? Were they similar or different?

**H:** Personal challenges were a bit different, because like I said, I am more into abstract designs and most of the time along the way I found myself trying to stop myself by saying “Less is More”, you know? That it is better to design that way, and that it will meet the tone of the event itself. At first it was challenging for me, but it helped me break out of my comfort zone and along the way I learned new skills. And that’s only thanks to Tricia for guiding me through the process.

*“along the way I found myself trying to stop myself by saying ‘Less is More’, you know? That it is better to design that way, and that it will meet the tone of the event itself”*

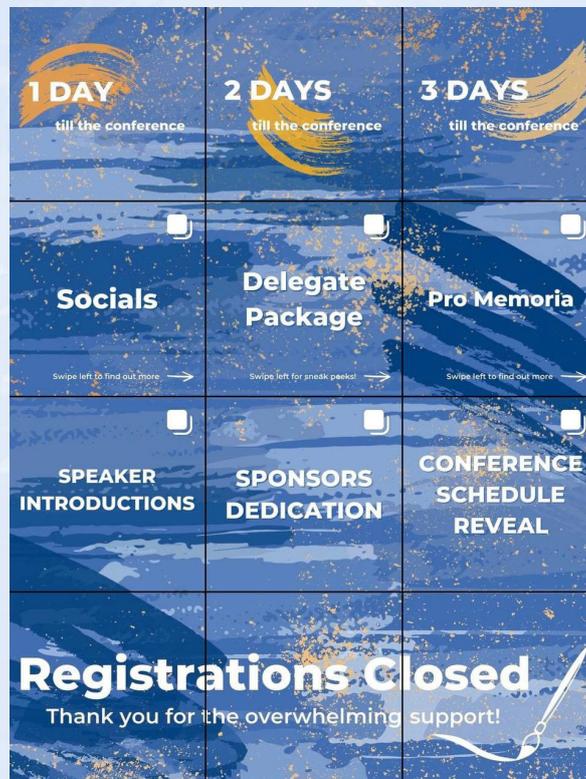
**M:** Tricia, how about you? And how did you decide to get Hafizah on the team as well?

**T:** I actually admire Hafizah’s work because both of us were actually classmates (we have since graduated). We both did graphic design as a module, I liked her designs and she did pretty well in that module so I thought, why not, because she has a lot to offer.

**T:** For me, my personal challenge was balancing my own personal schedules because on the DSG’s end, there is a lot more back-end work we have to do (which I shall not delve into). The challenge was really just that, balancing schedules and refreshing my knowledge on designing.

## Showcasing this year's designs

*M:* Now I would like to walk everyone through the sample designs that the design team has done up for us this year.



*M:* This is the layout that we have for our SMUN Instagram. I think it's different from previous years, but similar in the blue tones. Can you share with us more about this and how you deal with our Instagram page?

*A:* I made this design because I'm more on the social media side. The blue, obviously, because we have a corporate colour. But I think one thing I kept in mind when thinking of the design was not to lay too much of the different things. But if you look really closely I used the same brush strokes, just enlarged them, changed their opacities, colours and overlaid them. To not make it too monotonous, I also added other brush strokes just to make it pop out a bit. I personally liked the orange brush strokes behind the countdown.

## Brush strokes [Canva]

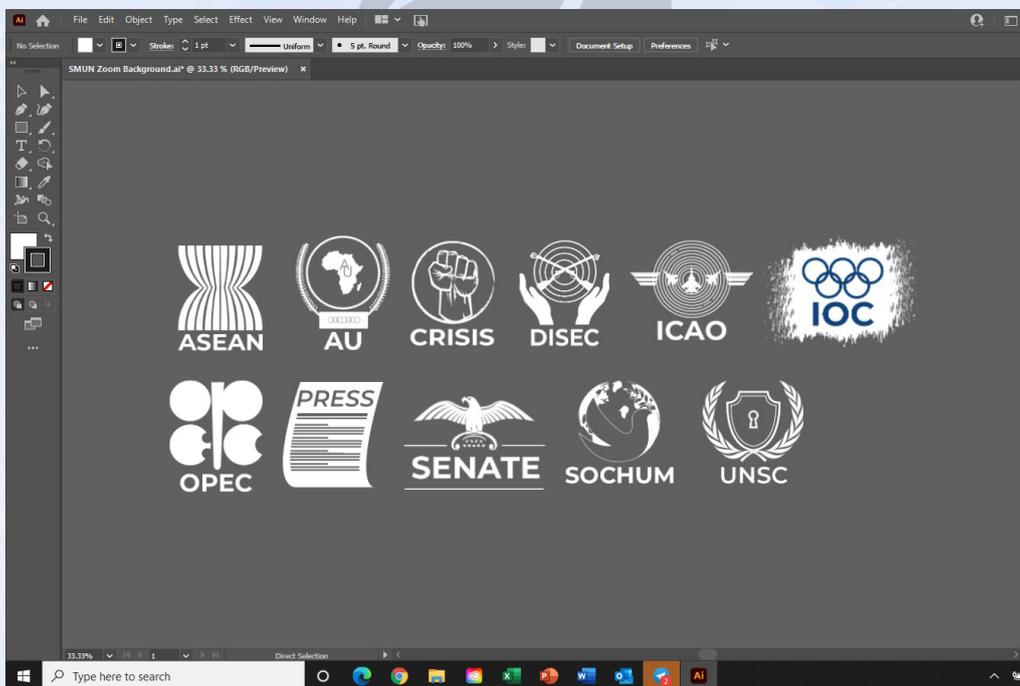


These brush strokes are all under the search word "brush strokes" in the elements tab on Canva Pro. Some elements can be accessed without Canva Pro as well.

The vibe is dry brush strokes.

Can play around with opacity to create more depth in design layouts.

A: I think for Instagram, the most important thing is the visibility of the text when you first see it on the screen. Since it's the platform to reach out to delegates and get them to register for the conference, it's really important for them to catch their attention, even when they are just scrolling through Instagram.



M: Here are the committee logos that the design team has designed for us as well. Maybe you can tell us who designed which logo and which logo required the most work / which one you liked the most?

**H:** The council logos were a collective effort. We started off brainstorming: Annabelle started off with listing every single council and the key factors that describe each council. Designing the council logos was actually a hassle because you have to make sure the factors you incorporate into the design meets the criteria. For example, for SOCHUM, we had to make sure it was not too similar from previous designs, while trying to make it resemble SOCHUM.

*“All these factors can be annoying, but it is the end product that makes it worthwhile.”*

**H:** All these factors can be annoying, but it is the end product that makes it worthwhile. To answer your second question, the most difficult logo to design was SOCHUM, because we had to draw the dove, overlay it, and make sure we had both the white png and black png. That’s where adobe skills kick in, it was kinda difficult when it comes to designing it but it is my favourite also.

**M:** Oh! I didn’t know the dove in the SOCHUM logo was drawn by you guys, I thought it was an icon that was online. So that’s pretty cool. I also thought that it was good that we received different forms of the same logo to use in our publications as well.

*For more, visit the Press Website to watch the designers rate design fails with Miju!*

# **Can the editors guess why you joined Model UN?**

## **1. Who first told you about Model UN?**

- a. The school extracurricular sheet--or syllabus
- b. I found it accidentally online :)
- c. My university friends
- d. Instagram ad

## **2. What kind of council would you pick?**

- a. Whichever is recommended to me
- b. The one with the most interesting topic
- c. Crisis or other unconventional councils
- d. Something diplomacy something international

## **3. What kind of preparations would you do before a conference?**

- a. I would go to the school library and do some research
- b. I'd watch like 20 youtube videos
- c. Nothing much haha
- d. Wait, I have to prepare?

## **4. As a delegate, which one would you probably be?**

- a. The one who organize a delegation
- b. The one with a complete research binder
- c. The one
- d. The one who has no idea what is going on

## **5. Which is the best motion?**

- a. GSL or MC, something that can be prepared prior
- b. Any as long as it's something interesting
- c. CoTW :)
- d. Coffee break...

## **6. Pick one of the above (wild card)**

- a. This one!
- b. This one actually!
- c. Not this one!
- d. Maybe this one??

## **RESULTS**

### *Mostly A* - **Your teacher asked you to try it!**

People who get this result are probably an overachiever and an excellent student! Your social sciences and english teacher must like you very much. You started your Model UN in the school's meeting room, and you believe that Model UN helps students learn to improve academically!

### *Mostly B* - **You like to learn about new things!**

You are a learner and what interests you most from Model UN are topics that you are passionate in or interested to learn about. For you, perhaps Model UN is a field to gather information about world affairs, policy making, or other social issues. Good for you, because you most certainly will find new things to learn.

### *Mostly C* - **Your friend told you that the socials would be fun!**

And they are right--socials are fun, especially if you get to hang out not only with your friends but meet new people on the way! The Model UN circuit is big into networking and getting to know others. Anyways, what fun would the conference be without the delegates who just seem to know everyone in the room?

### *Mostly D* - **You thought it was something else and now can't escape!**

Is it a modelling agency? Is it something to do with the UN? Well, apparently it's closer to the latter, as Model UN simulates the meetings of UN and other related bodies. But hopefully you have fun though and get a new experience!



Editor's  
Diary

## Editor's Diary

Dear Diary,

Not going to lie, after looking through and editing the news submissions until late at night yesterday, I had problems getting out of bed and into the zoom conference room this morning. I'm pretty sure that everyone felt the same after a hectic first day of SMUN but I was happy to see everyone early and present.

It was a slow morning today and I felt so dead and tired which was compounded by the fact that my internet connection died just as the second council session of the day was about to begin (Why did so many people experience internet connectivity issues today I got a feeling that some telco is going to get a fine soon). But luckily just as I was about to expire during lunch, my welfare pack from SMUN arrived! To my surprise I received not only my order of Jasmine Green Tea with golden bubbles but another cup of Honey Green Tea as well so thank you :) for looking out for us chairs!

It was considerably less chaotic today as compared to yesterday which I am really grateful for. Most of my day was spent reading through the news pieces, updating our press instagram and enjoying my bubble tea.

**Goodnight,**  
Press Editor Desiree



*Dear Diary,*

*Today was the second day of the conference, and honestly so much better than yesterday which was tiring both physically and mentally. Granted, my internet connection was absolutely non-existent for an hour today morning so it caused a lot of chaos and panic but apart from that, the day went relatively smoothly. Delegates were better at submitting pitches early on in the day and were more creative with their submissions while we, as editors, were better at handling the multiple submissions and publicity tasks.*

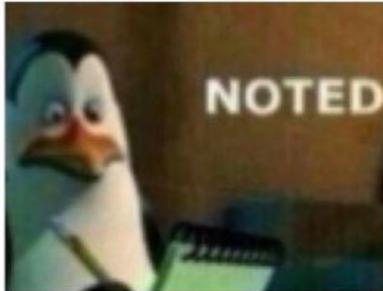
*As I write this, we have yet to start putting together today's edition for TORCH and uploading all of today's submissions onto the website and Instagram. Yet, I am somehow more prepared for the chaos that is going to ensue in a while and the next few hours that are going to be spent poring over bombastic words and long sentences, armed with my two cups of bubble tea (thank you welfare team!) and a different spotify playlist.*



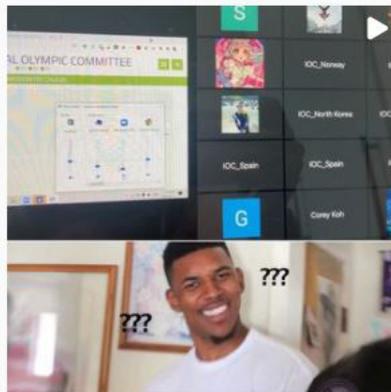
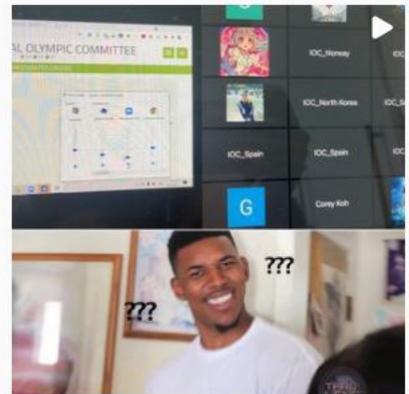
**Signing Out,**  
*Keerthi (Press Editor)*

# Instagram Spotlight

Nigeria: "What China did is to combat violent extremism."  
EU Bloc:



SOCHUM:  
\*engages in constant bickering about what to focus on in the next committee session\*  
bystanding SABC Press Delegates:



*Memes have started to flood the press Instagram page. It's a sign that things are going in the right direction.*

## Quotables

As the famous singer, Rick Astley sang: "Never gonna give you up, Never gonna let you down..." This delegate feels that parallels could be drawn between these lyrics and oil. Oil has never let OPEC and OPEC+ states down.

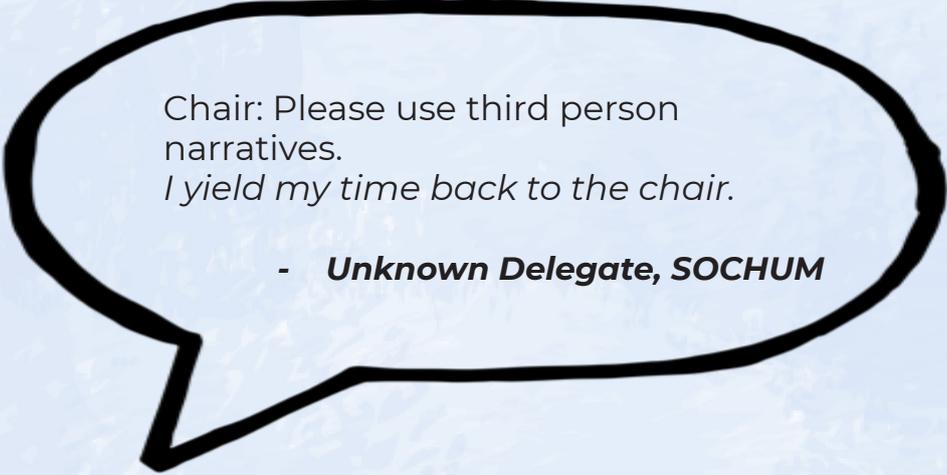
- **Sudan, OPEC**

Baseless accusations are only baseless without a base.

- **Vladimir Orlov, Historical Crisis Committee**

Chair: Please rise and give your speech  
I'm speechless...

- **Andrei Gromyko, Historical Crisis Committee**



Chair: Please use third person narratives.  
*I yield my time back to the chair.*

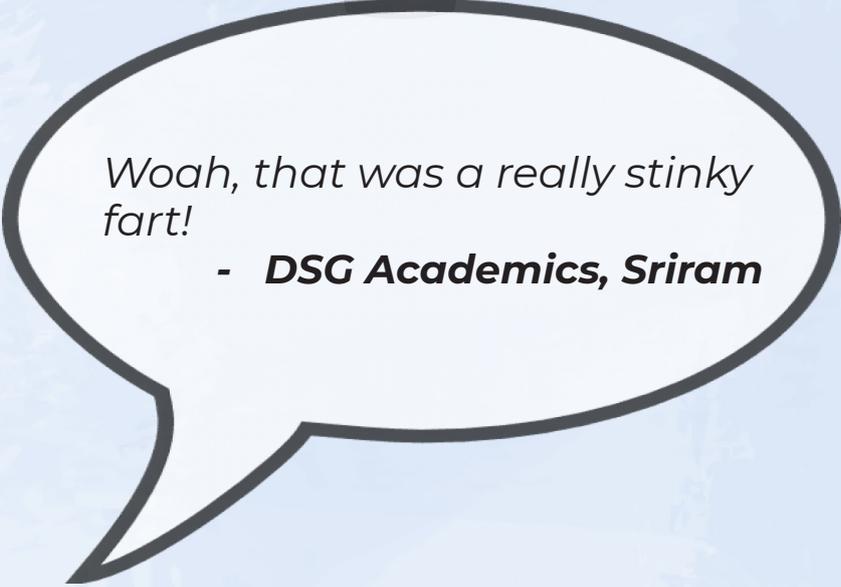
- **Unknown Delegate, SOCHUM**



*The chair apologises for his poor penmanship.*

- **Unknown Chair, African Union**

**Last but not least...**



*Woah, that was a really stinky fart!*

- **DSG Academics, Sriram**



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